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SUBJECT: ITALIAN SALE OF APC'S AND AMMUNITION TO ISRAEL

REF: A) ROME 14828 B) ROME 16025 C) TEL AVIV 6169

1. YOU MAY INFORM APPROPRIATE ITALIAN OFFICIALS THAT
USG IS PREPARED TO APPROVE SALE OF 100 M113 APC'S, 100
SPARE ENGINES FOR APC'S, AND 15,000 ROUNDS FOR 155MM
HOWITZER, PENDING OUR RECEIPT OF STANDARD TRANSFER ASSUR-
ANCES IN WRITING FROM GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. IN ADDITION,
WE MUST UNDER SECTION 3(A) OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT
NOTIFY CONGRESS IN ADVANCE OF OUR APPROVING AMMUNITION
TRANSFER. WHILE WE ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTIES WITH ABOVE
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TWO REQUIREMENTS, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO ITALIANS THAT

USG FINAL APPROVAL CAN NOT BE PROVIDED UNTIL THESE STEPS
ARE COMPLETED.

2. TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGE RELATING TO MANUFACTURE OF 155MM
AMMUNITION WAS SOLD TO ITALY ON FEB. 19, 1971 AS FMS CASE
DA ITALY WEP. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY
USG ROYALTY FEE OF 8 PERCENT OF CURRENT US PRICE OF \$65.71
PER ROUND, I.E., \$5.26 PER ROUND OR \$78,900 FOR 15,000
ROUNDS.

3. FOR TEL AVIV: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN FROM GOI
THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER ASSURANCES IN WRITING AS FOLLOWS:
"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ISRAEL PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND HAS THE HONOR TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY
THE PROPOSED PURCHASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL OF 100
M-113 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, 100 SPARE ENGINES FOR
THE APC'S, AND 15,000 ROUNDS OF 155MM HOWITZER AMMUNITION
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY.

AS THE EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION HAS BEEN MANUFACTURED IN
ITALY BY THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY EXPORTED UNDER LICENSE
FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL UNDER-
STANDS THAT THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS TRANSACTION IS
DEPENDENT UPON THE RECEIPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY OF
WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE SALE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT IN KEEPING
WITH UNITED STATES LAW AND REGULATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES MAY GIVE SUCH CONSENT ONLY UPON BEING
FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL
THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH DEFENSE
ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION,
OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL
HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE
M-113 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, INCLUDING THE SPARE
ENGINES, AND/OR THEIR COMPONENTS, AND THE HOWITZER AMMUNI-
TION WHICH IT PROPOSES TO PURCHASE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
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ITALY, BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CON-
VEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTER-
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING
THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.
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